

# FORESTRY *Leaflets*

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## PREScribed BURNING FOR SITE PREPARATION PURPOSES



Some recently cut-over stands may be successfully site prepared with prescribed burning. For a successful burn the tree tops and limbs remaining on the tract must generally cover the whole area. These tops and limbs must have time to dry out, but the site preparation burning should be done before this debris deteriorates in order for the burning to be effective. This continuous fuel cover will allow the fire to spread, and in so doing, clean the area while also destroying many undesirable species of vegetation on the tract.



After the site preparation burning has been completed, the next step would then be to reforest the tract according to your forester's recommendations.

Remember - All burning should be done by qualified personnel. Contact the N.C. Division of Forest Resources for assistance.

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